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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLTEN SALTS WITH AN EXTRUDER AND
USE OF THE MOLTEN SALTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Although the claims of the above application were amended under Article 34 during the International Phase, applicants respectfully request that the claims as originally filed by examined and this preliminary amendment is based thereon.

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reaction is carried out under reduced pressure, atmospheric pressure or superatmospheric pressure in the presence of atmospheric oxygen or, if desired, under a protective-gas atmosphere.